City of Barrie
Report of the International Relations Committee
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 06:00 PM
For consideration by the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee

Present:
Co-Chair, Councillor, J. Harris
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Co-Chair, M. Sachkiw
S. Scully-Pratt
J. Babcock
J. Massie
K. Watson
G. Johnston

Absent:
T. Gardner
JM. Pigeon
B. Sergeant
C. Hassey
A. Jones
L. Palson

Staff:
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co- Chair, M. Sachkiw at 6:05 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Committee Budget Update

T. Maynard, Legislative Coordinator provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

3.2 Youth Ambassadors/Global Perspectives Program

S. Scully-Pratt advised that there is nothing new to report concerning the Youth Ambassadors Program.

J. Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program. He advised that their trip to Cuba has been cancelled for 2026, and that the school board is looking at different venues.

Mr. Babcock advised that student selection has occurred for the 2026/2027 Global Perspectives Program.

3.3 Saginaw, Michigan Update

There is nothing new to report concerning Saginaw, Michigan.

3.4 Zweibrucken, Germany Update

J. Babcock provided an update concerning Barrie-Zweibrucken Hockey Summit held on April 1, 2026 and April 9, 2026. He discussed the success of the event, and he highlighted the community support received.

Mr. Babcock acknowledged Steve Fontaine of Barrie Minor Hockey Association for planning the hockey summit. He commented on the Barrie Minor Hockey Association's expenditures related to hosting the hockey summit, and the extra donations received. The Committee provided feedback to Mr. Babcock and received responses. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

3.5 Arras, France Update

M. Sachkiw, Co-Chair commented on the recent election held in Arras, France, and potential plans for an exchange 2027.

3.6 Harrogate, United Kingdom Update

There was no report provided concerning Harrogate, United Kingdom.

3.7 Murayama, Japan Update

M. Sachkiw, Co-Chair commented on the recent election held in Murayama, Japan.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

CHAIRMAN